

Amendments To The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

Internal wetting agents are sometimes blended, in pellet form, with the polymeric materials used to form facing layers, and thereby impart wettability in the resulting extrudate, whether in the form of fibers or apertured films. One such wetting agent consists of a fatty substance (glycerol and/or sorbitol) reacted with ~~lauric~~ lauric acid, and is commercially available from Ciba Chemical under the name of "Atmer." The resultant surfactant product is then compounded with a polyolefin resin in a predetermined concentration. Heretofore, the common practice for compounding these wetting agents is to blend the maximum amount of surfactant in with a minimum amount of a carrier resin. Typically, the maximum fatty substance concentration used for this application has ranged from 15% to 17%, by weight, of the resultant compound.